

"FOOLS" PLAY ANTICS

Prince Carnival Reigns in Saengerbund Hall.

CARRIE NATION ON THE FLOOR

With Congress, Prohibition, and Other Alleged Fads, She Is Scored and Burlesqued by Merry-makers. Frank Claudy, as Presiding Judge, Wins Honors—Others Punished.

Prince Carnival reigned supreme at the annual Reichstag of Saengerbund Narren in the presence of a large and selected concourse of "fools" at the Saengerbund Hall last night.

It being the day on which the king of fools held sway over man, woman, and child, and everybody admitted that everybody else is more or less of a fool, the occasion was keenly enjoyed by those attending. Inasmuch as the searching shafts of caustic wit darted here and there and everywhere, touching the heads of prominent public men and the fads and follies of society of the day.

Congress came in for its "roust" and did public officials. The prohibition question was grilled and griddled to a dark, crisp brown, and the presence of "Anti-Saloon League," representatives of the "Anti-Saloon League," and the "W. C. T. U." only added ginger to the hot judgments as they fell from the lips of those called upon by Frank Claudy, presiding judge of the Kleine Rath, or fools' court.

The Fool Tribunal.

"Hauptmann" Claudy was assisted by the following associates of the fool tribunal: Adolph Levy, Albert Lepper, H. Scheuermann, Friedrich Carl, Herbert Levy, L. Zwissler, P. Brandstedt, W. Hanemann, A. Joers, and court jesters and buffoons, Henry Kold and George Storn.

The auditorium of the clubhouse was decorated in the colors of Prince Carnival, his standard of red, green, yellow, and white occupying a prominent place over the bench. A huge fool's cap, the emblem of the evening, and worn by every one in the assembly, was suspended from the ceiling of the hall, and an immense beer tank, placed behind the judges' bench in front of the stage, served as the place of vantage from which the speakers of the evening delivered their philippics. The tank being about fifteen feet high, the victims who had been selected by the presiding fool were hoisted inside and hoisted to the top until their heads and shoulders were visible to the audience. Then they were ordered to begin their say.

The opening of the session found the hall in utter darkness, with the exception of a few tallow lights dimly illuminating the stage, and the judges, who occupied seats on the bench all in a row, clad in flowing nightgowns, and all snoring. Their dreams were to be seen and heard, and were about the effects of prohibition in the District of Columbia. The snoring came to an abrupt end with the awakening of the judge and his associates, and a universal song of thanks that "it was only a dream after all."

The Poet Laureate.

Frank Claudy, poet laureate of the bund, and judge of the Narrenstanzung for the last twenty-six years, read his proclamation for the evening, and cited the poetical minds of Schiller, Heine, Wagner, Scheffel, Goethe, and others in his welcome to Prince Carnival. Appropriate and inappropriate songs were sung by the audience between the declamations and exclamations of the excited "fools" spouting their own, Donch's Orchestra, which is the carnival orchestra of the Saengerbund par excellence, under the personal leadership of that old and experienced "fool" Donch, accompanied the songs of the audience. The first culprit, Starbald, before the court was Christian Heurich, and Judge Claudy told him in plain and unmistakable language that he did more in the cause of true temperance than all other agitators combined. Mr. Heurich is a well-known brewer.

"Fools" were received from the arion, of New York, and First Jester Adolph Levy read the accompanying letter of felicitation. Starbald, of this city, through President Roeder, also presented a cap to the bund, and in his presentation speech, which was entirely too short, he said he felt himself at home in the presence of so many fools. Mr. Roeder was the first one to be pushed into the tank and hoisted to the top. The consequence was a dire punishment in the longest philippic ever heard in the classic halls of the bund. And every word of it was foolish.

Sends His Regards.

Hon. Simon Wolf sent his regards, and said in his letter, which was read by A. Levy: "Have a good time while you may; the time will come, and possibly soon, when the long-haired women of both sexes will prohibit your innocent enjoyment, and instead thereof have benches of mourners. We are entering into a frenzied phase of American so-called sterilized morality. Man thinks more and believes less. The remedy, in their judgment, lies in fettering, instead of freeing the mind. The less restriction of natural rights, the greater the obedience to moral and legal obligations.

"In short, 'prohibition never prohibits.' It creates another monopoly—takes away the right of the many for the benefit of the privileged few; and instead of the greatest publicity, safeguarded by law, we will have a nightmare of cant and hypocrisy. The enemies of free thought are active; we are crying out for more. Strike from the shoulder, and make every blow tell in favor of personal liberty. If presidential candidates show the white feather when the word 'cocktail' is mentioned, let us puncture the hide of every politician and official and make them understand that the sons of men who helped to create and sustain the republic will never permit it."

The Columbia Turn Verein was present by a delegation, and P. E. Maier, secretary of the society, presented to the Turners' fool's cap in a brief speech. Other societies which presented caps were the Beethoven Maennerchor, of New York; the Carnival Verein, of Mainz, Germany; Maennerchor of Elizabeth City, and others.

Representative Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, was placed in the beer butt, and on arising to the top he said he was proud to say that in spite of all the foolishness going on in the country, there were a few sane men left in Congress who would do their utmost to defeat prohibition. "I want to say right here, of course, as my individual opinion, there never will be prohibition in the District of Columbia," and he deplored the fact that the leaders of the prohibition movement

were not present at the session to convince themselves of the error of their ways.

Anton Lerch was acclaimed as the author of the song "The Twin," which was sung by the audience. A Joers was also hailed before the court as the perpetrator of a song.

The announcement by Judge Claudy that "Carrie Nation" desired to be heard created great fun. Herbert Levy as the character with hatchet and spears created a kind of amusement with his temperance tirade delivered from the vat.

Makes Hit of Evening. Miss "Affinity Maple Sugar," a representative of the "W. C. T. U.," and impersonated by Albert Lepper, made the hit of the evening.

Miss Maple Sugar's complaints about what she saw in her presence was side-splittingly funny. This personage was followed by Herbert Levy, member of the "Anti-Saloon League." He was also shoved into the tank, and had his say. Mrs. Hicks, vice president of the ladies' section of the bund, as a token of the esteem in which Hauptmann Claudy is held by the ladies, presented him with a bouquet of cabbage leaves, heads, and radishes. Dr. Christoph Strack, editor of the Washington Journal (German), was charged with being the author of a song, and had to sample fermented grape juice for a punishment. Adolph Levy, an old member of the society and perennial candidate for some office or other, was presented with a tin drinking mug by William Hanemann on behalf of the singers. Samuel Gumpers, president of the American Federation of Labor, fool's cap covering his massive dome, was elevated in the tank, and told everybody that prohibition did not prohibit, that it bred hypocrisy and drunkenness.

AIDS MEMORIAL FUND

Senator Taylor Lectures at Columbia Theater.

"CASTLES IN THE AIR" THEME

Col. Herbert, in Introductory Address, Pays Tribute to Heroes of Both Sides—Gen. E. Burd Grubb Offers Contribution from Federal Veterans' Organization of New Jersey.

Before a brilliant gathering of daughters of the Confederacy and other sympathizers with the "lost cause," Senator Robert L. Taylor, of Tennessee, delivered his noted lecture, "Castles in the Air," at the Columbia Theater yesterday afternoon.

The entertainment was under the auspices of the Arlington Confederate Monument Association, for the benefit of the fund for a memorial in Arlington Cemetery to the battlefield heroes in gray who fought under the "stars and bars."

Members of the association and their friends had been liberally supplied with tickets to sell. Through their efforts practically every seat in the theater was occupied when the president of the organization, Col. Hilyar A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy, arose to make the introductory address.

Distinguished Audience.

The boxes were filled with women of social prominence. Grouped on the stage sat nearly the entire Senatorial delegation from the Southern States. Col. Herbert spoke in behalf of the monument movement. He said the factional bitterness that had been the direct cause of the war was a thing of the past, and the men who had fought on either side were proud in these days to pay their tributes of respect and admiration for the men who fought against them in the bloody days of the great struggle.

In introducing Gen. E. Burd Grubb, Col. Herbert cited him as an example of this present-day feeling. He said Gen. Grubb's forces and his own had clashed on the battlefield and their present cordial relations were due to the respect each had for the other's showing on that occasion. Gen. Grubb related incidents of the war, and elicited applause by frequent tributes to the bravery and steadfastness of the soldiers during the conflict. He made a strong plea in support of the movement, and closed with the announcement that he had been authorized to offer to the association \$100 of the fund in the treasury of the Twenty-third New Jersey veterans' organization, of which he is commander.

Senator Taylor Introduced.

Col. Herbert introduced Senator Taylor. For an hour Senator Taylor brough his hearers from laughter to tears and back again with a wonderfully delivered series of word pictures that covered every emotion and human experience from the cradle to the grave.

His theme was the beauty of the dreams of the mountains of Tennessee, stories about the glory of nature, the summer, fall, and winter—to one who can build "castles in the air."

His discourse was punctuated with humorous anecdotes of his former days in the mountains of Tennessee, stories about himself, his neighbors, his father's old negro slave and body servant, and his own "ole mammy."

Among those on the stage were: Senator Frazier of Kentucky; Senator Johnston of Alabama; Senator Stone of Missouri; Senator Bacon of Georgia; Senator Overman of North Carolina; Judge Seth Shepard, Gov. Swanson, of Virginia; Maj. J. McDowell Carrington, former Senator of North Carolina; and Corporal James Tanner.

Among the patronesses occupying boxes were: Mrs. Don Cameron, Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Mrs. Foraker, Mrs. Joseph P. Johnston, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Mrs. John L. Morehead, and Mrs. R. L. Taylor. Other patronesses present were: Mrs. J. H. Bankhead, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. W. S. Cowles, Mrs. George Dewey, Mrs. C. C. Glover, Mrs. Charles A. Culbertson, Mrs. Mary E. Townsend, and Mrs. E. D. White.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James M. T. Berlin, 31, and Clara M. Hook, 19, Georgetown, Md. Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, pastor of St. John's, 12, and Deane H. Sale, 18, both of Summit, Va. Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, pastor of St. John's, 12, and Deane H. Sale, 18, both of Summit, Va. Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, pastor of St. John's, 12, and Deane H. Sale, 18, both of Summit, Va.

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RENEW G. P. O. PROBE

Mr. Rossiter and His Men Resume Investigation.

AT WORK LONG AFTER HOURS

Second Official Statement Since Inquiry Was Begun Made to President—Chief Inquirer Issues Statement—Some Facts About Messengers and a Few Rumors Discussed.

After a day spent in rest and in sharpening the official probes, the six Presidential investigators into the affairs of the Government Printing Office, headed by William S. Rossiter, returned to their tasks yesterday.

Until late in the evening the probes remained at their task. All the information that could be procured at the close of their day's labors was to the effect that the investigation was progressing most satisfactorily, and without hitch or discord.

Mr. Rossiter yesterday made his second official statement since his assignment to work at the printers.

Mr. Rossiter's Statement.

Owing to the misunderstanding that prevailed regarding his position at the office, he issued the following bulletin: "In view of the misstatements and rumors of changes in organization and policy, which have been in circulation in connection with my presence in the Government Printing Office, it seems advisable to call attention to the fact that Capt. H. T. Brian is the Acting Public Printer during the period of Mr. Stillings' suspension, and is thus responsible for the general conduct of the Government Printing Office."

"As soon as the inquiry for which I have returned to my regular duties in the Census Office. It would not only be impossible, but manifestly improper, for me to attempt to institute any important changes in the organization, personnel, or policy of the Government Printing Office. Such changes, if at all appropriate, should be made only by the Public Printer. I have not been delegated to attempt to reorganize the Government Printing Office, or to fix a policy for its future administration."

"I earnestly trust that employees of the Printing Office will not permit themselves to be disturbed by statements at variance with the above."

It was learned at the G. P. O. yesterday that the corps of messengers in the printing numbers eighty persons, forty-five of whom are boys. It is said the salaries of these messengers range from \$90 to \$900 a year, and that the number employed in this service far exceeds that of any previous administration. The responsibility for the increased force of messengers lies in the discharging of the splendid pneumatic tube system, installed at a cost of more than \$50,000, under the administration of former Public Printer Palmer.

Discuss the Tube Service.

Why the tube service has been discontinued, no one seems able to explain. Mechanics at the G. P. O. say the system worked well, and was seldom, if ever, out of order.

Still another matter that will come under the probe of the investigators is that of the great number of carriages and other vehicles in the official stables. It is said that, in compliance with the law requiring government vehicles to have the names of the department to which they are assigned painted on their sides, the G. P. O. carriages have panels bearing the name of the printer, but that these panels are small and detachable, and by their removal the carriages can be made to look like stylish private rigs. There is a much-circulated rumor that these carriages have been used frequently for other than government business.

Representatives Edwards and Langley, of Kentucky, and Republican National Committeeman Yerkes, from the same State, called on the President yesterday in behalf of Milo Shanks, of Richmond, Ky., who was formerly a chief of a division in the public printing office, and who is now in the department to which of Public Printer. Shanks was removed from office by Stillings about a year ago on the ground of insubordination.

DIES FROM WOUND.

Colored Man, Shot by Stepson, Succumbs in Hospital.

John Taylor, the colored man who was shot near Bethesda by his stepson, Edward Price, January 28, died from his injuries at the Georgetown Hospital last night.

The body was taken to Rockville last night and an inquest will be held as soon as the necessary witnesses can be summoned. Price, who has been in jail since the shooting, will be given a hearing after the inquest.

NEWS CUT SHORT.

The Washington Weather Bureau telegram registered two small cyclonic disturbances Saturday night. Experts estimate that the center of the storm was about 400 miles away.

A resolution paying tribute to the late G. T. Dunlop was adopted by the board of directors of the Children's Hospital yesterday. Mr. Dunlop was vice president of the institution, and took much interest in its welfare.

William F. Gibbons, of 1657 Wisconsin avenue northwest, died Sunday night of acute indigestion. He was sixteen while attending services at St. John's Church, Potomac, and died at his home.

The funeral of Ferdinand Miller will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Eighth and N streets, tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Solemn high mass will be celebrated, and interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Edwin L. Parquhar, eleven years old, his San Francisco for Washington yesterday. He will make the trip alone and will be accompanied by his uncle, Policeman Parquhar, of the First precinct. He is due to arrive here next Sunday.

Hundreds of persons skated on the Big Race, 5th ponds, Rock Creek, and Cherry Chase Lake Sunday afternoon and night. The lowest temperature of the day in this city was recorded Sunday night, the thermometer registering six degrees above zero.

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